



Wayne Carter

March 15, 1935 - November 4, 2020

Wayne Carter, 85, of Kingsford, MI, died Nov. 4th, 2020, with his wife, the love of his life for 66 years, and his children at his side. He passed away at home after a long hard battle with Parkinson's Disease.

He was born March 15, 1935, in Escanaba, the son of Charles Lee and Eunice (Decent) Carter. He joined the Navy during the Korean conflict and married Marlene Mc Closkey on July 24, 1954, in Escanaba, MI. He worked for Michigan Bell for 35 years as the chief switchman, retiring Jan. 1, 1990. A resident of Kingsford since 1960, he served on the Kingsford City Council for 25 years, serving as mayor six times. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1972 and was a Grand Knight, Financial Sect, State Special Projects Director, Diocese Program Director and District Deputy. He was awarded Family of the Year for the state of Michigan Knights of Columbus in 2008-2009. He was also a volunteer at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center since 1984 and was a member of American Martyrs Church in Kingsford where he sang in the choir most of his life.

Wayne loved the outdoors, camping, hunting, and spending time with his family at the camp in Foster City. He and Marlene were avid travelers and he was very proud to have traveled throughout Europe and of the many trips they took to Hawaii. Wayne was a loving and caring person always willing to help someone in need.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene; 5 children, Connie (Joe Harper) of Kingsford, MI, Dan (Julie) Carter of Traverse City, MI, Cindy (Dan) Throm of Florence, WI, Cathy (Terry) Mitchell of Kingsford, MI, and Bryan (Jill Bruno) Carter of Kingsford, MI; 16 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and 3 brothers, Robert "Buddy" (Mary) Carter of Escanaba, MI, Gary (Viola) Carter of Milwaukee, WI, and Gerald (Laura) Carter of Escanaba, MI.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his son, Charles Carter; grandson, Wayne Carter; granddaughter, Katie Carter; and great granddaughter, Danaka Aronson.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, November 9, at American Martyrs Catholic Church of Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial and burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Martyrs Catholic Church of Kingsford.

Condolences to the family of Wayne Carter may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Family - praying for peace in this difficult time. We love you all. Wayne was one of the most caring people I have ever met. I'm so thankful for that day my mom and I spent with him and Marlebe a couple of years ago.*

Peter, Erin, Noah and Lily Hansen

Peter Hansen - November 10, 2020 at 11:36 PM

JB

“ *Marlene, Brian and Family - We are sending you are heartfelt condolences from Texas and only wish we could be with you'll during this time of sorrow. May you rest in knowing that GOD will give you the strength and peace that passes all understanding as you go through this difficult time. We love you'll and know that your father Wayne is with Jesus Christ and will soon have that glorified body that we so all yearn for when we die. We love you and are thinking about you all. Love Janice and Gerard Hynes (Bruno) and the rest of the families here in Texas.*

janice bruno - November 08, 2020 at 08:14 PM

CG

“ *Mrs. Carter, Brian, and Family, My most sincere sympathy to you all. Mr. and Mrs. Carter were such dedicated volunteers at our VAMC. We all knew, and appreciated all that they both did. He will not be forgotten.*

Cynthia Gordon

Cynthia Gordon - November 07, 2020 at 09:16 AM

TG

“ *The Geronimi's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wayne Carter.*



The Geronimi's - November 07, 2020 at 08:04 AM



“ *Our biggest sympathies to the entire Carter family. Mr. Carter will be greatly missed. I will also always remember him as the best Santa and miss his smile at the VA volunteer coffee station. Love from Hannah Antilla and family.*

Hannah Jo - November 06, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ *Our family is so saddened to hear of Mr Carter's passing and send our heartfelt sympathies to the entire family, Our Love is with you. Mikey and I will always remember Mr. Carter as the perfect Santa Claus with a heart of gold, and we Loved seeing him and Mrs Crater volunteering at the VA, he was such a joy to be around, he brought a special light to this world and will always be remembered. All our Love, Mikey and Lisa Jo*

Lisa Jo - November 06, 2020 at 06:09 PM

MG

“*Marlene and family, you have Craig and my heartfelt sympathy with the passing away of Wayne. I know Craig knew Wayne through the Knights of Columbus and from being in local politics. Craig also was a councilman for the City of Escanaba and served as Mayor of the city as well. I remember the bets Craig and Wayne would make when their respective high school teams played each other. I got to know Wayne and you Marlene from the Knights of Columbus State Conventions that were held in May at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island. You both exemplified the strong Catholic Faith and were always welcoming to us when we came to your area. May the memories you have of Wayne bring a smile to your face and help ease the pain in your heart. He was a good man and will be missed. May he rest in peace and may Perpetual Light Shine on him.*

God Bless you and your family,

Mary and Craig Gierke

Mary C. Gierke - November 06, 2020 at 12:26 PM

MG

Marlene I stand corrected. It was not bets Wayne and Craig had, it was the Mayoral Exchange. Craig sent Wayne a sweatshirt from Escanaba High School only to find out later that Wayne graduated from Escanaba High School. Craig still has the Kingsford sweatshirt Wayne sent to him.

Mary C. Gierke - November 06, 2020 at 07:07 PM

RD

“ *Brian, and Mrs. Carter, and Family you have my most sincere sympathy in your loss!!! Was very impressed with your work and concern's with our Vet's at the VAMC for the 25 year's that I worked there! Was a pleasure to have known you all. Brian I hope that all is well with you, are you still there? RIP Mr. Carter thank you for your service!!!*

Richard & Gail Dabb - November 05, 2020 at 05:32 PM